

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois	
COUNTY: Cook	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Delaware Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Bryant Block

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
36 West Randolph

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE Illinois	CODE	COUNTY: Cook	CODE
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
(1) Michigan Avenue National Bank (see continuation sheet)

STREET AND NUMBER:
30 North Michigan Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE: Illinois	CODE
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Cook County Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
118 North Clark Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE: Illinois	CODE
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Glessner House

STREET AND NUMBER:
1800 South Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago,

STATE: Illinois	CODE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DESCRIPTION

The Bryant Block, fronting 30 feet on Dearborn Street and 120 feet on Randolph, is constructed of stone and brick. As built, in an Italianate style, it was five stories with an English basement. Stairways, located on the corner and on both the Randolph and Dearborn Street sides, led up to the main floor and down to the lower level. The English basement and main floor housed businesses while the upper stories were used for offices.

The main entrance on Randolph leads to an interior light court, the stairs and floors of which are metal with glass prisms to allow the full use of light entering from the skylight above. The stair railings and balusters of the court are brass and wrought iron.

Metal was obviously used in the construction of the lower and main floors to permit the opening of the walls for display windows. The upper stories are brick and artificial stone with some steel support.

In 1839, the Bryant Block was remodeled. In the remodeling, three bays were removed from the eastern end of the Randolph Street facade. The street and main floors were remodeled and two additional stories of artificial stone were added. A wrought iron balustrade, now gone, ran around the building at the roof line, and the corner had a projection at that level which has since been removed. The remodeling was sympathetic with the rest of the building. Although the corner of the additional stories is rounded rather than angled, the spacing of columns and bays in the upper floors is in harmony with the earlier design.

The interior was also remodeled and modernized in 1839. It was then that the Bryant Block was renamed the Real Estate Board Building.

The Bryant Block is Italianate in style. The first two stories are primarily metal and glass to permit open spaces for display areas. In the upper stories, Doric and Corinthian pilasters separate the bays while the windows have columned jambs and pronounced keystones. The building was topped by a heavy dentiled cornice and a wrought iron balustrade.

HISTORY

The Bryant Block was constructed during the building boom that followed the Chicago fire of 1871. It was designed by one of Chicago's oldest architectural firms, Wheelock and Thomas. Otis Leonard Wheelock was born in Cambridge, New York in 1816. He studied under Minard Lefever, a New York architect who favored Greek Revival and Egyptian styles. Wheelock came to Chicago in 1839 where he opened a successful practice. A number of well-known architects including Thomas, W.W. Clay, W.W. Boyington and later his adopted son Harry Bergen Wheelock were associated with him at various times. Otis L. Wheelock died about 1886.

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4. Owner of Property, continued.

(2) Mr. Paul Goldner, address unknown.

(3) The Cosmopolitan National Bank
301 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

9. Major Bibliographical References, cont.

(Withey, Henry F.) Los Angeles: Hennessey and Ingalls, Inc., 1970.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian)	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1872-74**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Bryant Block is situated in a very prestigious Loop location. It is the only major building in an important Loop position to retain its 1870's character. As a representative example of the Italianate style, the complexity of its surface provides a striking contrast to the overwhelming majority of Miesian structures which dominate the area.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Andreas, A.T. History of Chicago from the Earliest Period to the Present Time Vol. III 1871-1885. Chicago: The A.T. Andreas Co. Publishers, 1886.
 Gilbert, Paul & Charles Lee Bryson. Chicago and its Makers. Chicago: Felix Mendelsohn Publishers, 1929.
The Land Owner. Vol. VI (June 1874) p. 37.
Rand McNally and Company's Birds Eye Views and Guide to Chicago. Chicago: Rand McNally & Co., 1898.
 Randall, Frank A. The Development of Chicago Building Construction. Urbana: The University of Illinois Press, 1949.
 Withey, Henry F. Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased). → cont.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Susan Karr Sorell, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Illinois Historic Structures Survey DATE: December 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
1800 South Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Anthony T. Dean, Director

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date December 28, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

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1. Name of Site:

Common

Historic Delaware Blg.

2. Location:

Street and Number 36 W. Randolph Township Section
 (cor. Dearborn)
City or Town Chicago Zip Code Range ¼ Section
County Cook

3. Classification:

Category (check one) Integrity (check one)
 District Building 1st floor Altered Unaltered
 Site Structure Moved Original Site

4. Ownership:

Status (check one)

Private Occupied
 Public Unoccupied
 Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

Yes Restricted Unrestricted No

Present Use (check one or more)

Agricultural Industrial Religious
 Commercial Military Scientific
 Educational Museum Transportation
 Entertainment Park Other
 Government Private Residence

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name Phone Number

Street and Number

City or Town

State County Zip Code

6. Description:

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
 Ruins Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? Yes No

URBAN PLANNING; ARCHITECTURE

7. Historical Themes: (check one or more of the following)

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|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Site | (Pre-Columbian) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Site | (Post-Columbian to 1673) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Influence | (1673-1780) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Frontier | (1780-1818) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Early | (1818-1850) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois Middle | (1850-1900) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Late | (1900-present) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Famous People | (give names & dates) |

8. Specific Date: 1872-4

Areas of significance (check one or more of the following)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (pre-historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | |

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates)
Use additional sheets if necessary. One of oldest buildings in the loop.
Wheelock & Thomas, arch. National Register

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: _____ Date: 6/24/75
Organization: _____ Phone: _____
Street and Number: _____
City or Town: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.

Natural Register material

